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Fred W. Traner Middle School GEAR UP Abstract 2012-2013

Traner Middle School welcomes a new round of GEAR UP funding to support the next two 7th grade student cohorts, with an estimated 256 in Cohort 1. More than 87% of Traner's 580 students receive Free/Reduced Lunch. A GEAR UP (GU) Head Counselor, Sheryl Hicks, will be assigned .5 FTE to oversee and train a full-time Student-Parent Involvement Facilitator (SPIF). The SPIF will serve as primary contact/liaison with Traner GU families, primary coordinator of all GU activities, and collect all appropriate student data.

Scope of work is to provide a continuous system of mentoring, advising, and counseling for GU students toward college/career readiness, and to create a college-going culture at Traner. GU student academic progress will be monitored by the Head Counselor, school counselor, and SPIF, who follow students from middle to high school. This team will develop a program of study and an information database to track and guide each GU student. Tutoring will be provided if needed.

GU Head Counselor and SPIF will work with College Ambassadors and other staff to build community relationships to enhance student learning. A College Corner will allow students access to online and printed information about higher education options, required academic courses, and financial aid/literacy, providing a dedicated place to discuss college/career options with the SPIF, counselors, and Ambassadors.

Two campus tours will be planned for students and parents to learn about higher education and career paths. High School Signature Academies will be introduced to Traner students with information on rigorous and relevant curriculum that relates to different careers and industries. Vertical alignment work will be emphasized in PLCs and early release Wednesdays. Traner will leverage other funding revenues to support GEAR UP students. A mobile laptop cart will be purchased to help students with the writing test, STEM, financial literacy, and to increase student engagement. Parent involvement will address educational resources and financial/scholarship education.